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Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Our most important job is to listen to your concerns and ideas.

On January 8, state lawmakers convened in Olympia for what promises to be an historic legislative session. We'll face huge obstacles as we look for ways to ease traffic congestion, help our children learn, and keep our neighborhoods safe.

We will be looking for creative solutions to tough challenges, and we'd like to hear from you. Please contact us if you have any ideas that could improve the quality of life we all enjoy in Kitsap and Pierce counties.

We want your voice to be heard. If there's a problem affecting your family, we want to help you find a solution. That is why we've put together this "Citizens' Guide to the Washington State Legislature." This guide will provide you with information about the state legislature, contact numbers for your elected officials, and a number of toll-free resources to help you address a wide variety of concerns.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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Join us for a Town Hall Meeting!

Saturday, March 17

*9:00 to 11:00 am at Givens Community Center (Kitsap Room)
1026 Sidney, Port Orchard, WA 98366*

*or 1:00 to 3:00 pm at Pierce County Fire Dist. #5 Headquarters
10222 Bujacich Rd NW, Gig Harbor, WA 98332*

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How We Can Help You

You're always welcome to contact us, especially if:

You have a problem with a state agency

Don't hesitate to call or write if you're having a difficult time getting an answer from a state agency. We'll work with you to secure answers you need to get the problem resolved.

You have questions or comments about legislation

We need to know what you think about proposals in the Legislature. Please call or write if you want to know more about a proposed law or an issue you've heard about. We'll send you copies of bill details and other information – whatever it takes to answer your question.

You have an idea for legislation

Contact us whenever you have an idea that you think should be a state law, or if you want to get rid of an existing law. The best ideas come directly from citizens.

You want to testify before a committee

If you feel strongly about a bill or issue, please consider testifying before a legislative committee. Legislators need to hear what people think. Our offices can let you know when hearing dates are scheduled.

You just need help

If you need a suggestion to resolve a problem, we'll do our best to help.

26th District Report

Citizen’s Guide to the Washington State Legislature



The Legislature

Washington state is governed by a citizens’ legislature. Members are elected from their communities and come from a variety of backgrounds: teachers, farmers, fire fighters, and a wide range of people with diverse experiences all serve as legislators.

The Senate has 49 members, and there are 98 representatives in the House. State representatives are elected to two-year terms, while members of the Senate are elected to four-year terms.

Session

Regular sessions begin the second Monday in January of each year and are limited to 105 days during odd-numbered years and 60 days in even years. Special sessions are called either by a proclamation of the Governor, or by a two-thirds vote of the legislature.

The Committee System

Over 4,000 bills are introduced during a regular legislative session. To ensure that bills are carefully studied, lawmakers meet

in committees. Before a bill can advance, it must receive a public hearing where citizens have an opportunity to testify on the bill’s merits. Please contact us if you will be coming to Olympia to testify.

The Internet

Citizens can access the text of bills, bill reports, schedules and other materials at the Washington State Legislature’s web site: <http://www.leg.wa.gov/>.

Citizens can access additional information about state government at:

Access Washington: <http://access.wa.gov/>



Toll-free Information

- Legislative Hotline 1-800-562-6000
- Legislative Hotline (TTY-TDD) 1-800-635-9993
- State Agency Info. 1-800-321-2808
- AIDS Hotline 1-800-272-2437
- Alcohol/Drug Helpline 1-800-562-1240
- Aging/Adult Services 1-800-422-3263
- Attorney General Consumer Div. 1-800-551-4636
- Basic Health Plan 1-800-826-2444
- Business Assist. Hotline 1-800-237-1233
- Children/Families at Risk 1-800-562-5624
- Crime Victims’ Advocacy 1-800-822-1067
- Crime Victims’ Compensation 1-800-762-3716
- Disability Insurance Benefits 1-800-562-6074
- Domestic Violence Hotline 1-800-562-6025
- Ferry Information 1-888-808-7977
- Hazardous Substances 1-800-633-7585
- Hazardous Waste Spill Hotline 1-800-258-5990
- Hospital/Health Service Complaints 1-800-633-6828
- Lottery Winning Numbers 1-800-545-7510
- Medicaid Information 1-800-562-3022
- Missing Children Clearinghouse 1-800-543-5678
- Nursing Home Complaints 1-800-562-6078
- Nursing Home Information 1-800-562-6028
- State Park Information 1-800-233-0321
- State Park Reservations 1-800-452-5687
- Pass Reports 1-800-695-7623
- Recycling Hotline 1-800-732-9253
- Voter Information 1-800-448-4881
- WSP Report Drunk Drivers 1-800-283-7865

Directory of Government Officials

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